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USS SARATOGA
USS DALE
USS PATTERSON
AMEMBASSY BELGRADE 3074

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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (E.OM AND TAGS, SUBJ LINE ADDED)

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SUBJECT: U.S. NAVAL VISIT TO SPLIT

1. THE MARCH 29 - APRIL 3 VISIT TO SPLIT OF THE AIRCRAFT CARRIER, USS SARATOGA, THE CRUISER, USS DALE, AND THE FRIGATE, USS PATTERSON, WAS STILL ANOTHER MODEL U.S. NAVAL VISIT TO A YUGOSLAV PORT. ALTHOUGH SOME 6,000 MEN WERE INVOLVED IN WHAT WAS PROBABLY THE LARGEST U.S. NAVAL VISIT SINCE WORLD WAR II, THE VISIT PROGRESSED REMARKABLY SMOOTHLY WITH SCARCELY AN UNTOWARD INCIDENT. THE AWE-SOME POWER OF THE SHIPS AND THE EXEMPLARY CONDUCT OF U.S. NAVY PERSONNEL MADE A STRONG AND FAVORABLE IMPRESSION ON THE CITIZENS OF SPLIT.

2. WELL OVER 10,000 PEOPLE WENT ABOARD THE DALE AND PATTERSON WHICH WERE TIED ALONGSIDE A PIER AND OVER 1,500 PEOPLE VISITED THE SARATOGA WHICH WAS ANCHORED JUST OUTSIDE THE PORT. PERHAPS THE GREATEST PROBLEM WAS COPING WITH THE OVERLY ENTUHSIASTIC AND UN-UNCLASSIFIED

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DISCIPLINED CROWDS WANTING TO VISIT THE SARATOGA; THESE UNRULY CROWDS HAMPERED THE ACCESS OF INVITED VISITORS TO THE SARATOGA. THE PROBLEM WAS RESOLVED WHEN ADEQUATE NUMBERS OF YUGOSLAV POLICE WERE ON THE SCENE.

3. AMBASSADOR SILBERMAN'S RECEPTION IN HONOR OF THE VISIT OF
COMMANDER TASK FORCE SIXTY, ADMIRAL CARROLL; THE USS SARATOGA,
CAPTAIN DUNN; THE USS DALE, CAPTAIN SEBRING; AND THE USS PATTERSON,
COMMANDER COX, WAS EXTREMELY WELL ATTENDED. 100 YUGOSLAV MILITARY
OFFICERS AND THEIR WIVES CONSTITUTED TWO THIRDS OF THE GUEST LIST
AND VIRTUALLY ALL OF THEM ATTENDED. AMONG THE FIFTY YUGOSLAV
CIVILIAN GUESTS WERE THE PRESIDENT OF THE SPLIT ASSEMBLY, PRESIDENT
OF THE SPLIT EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, AND THE ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHBISHOP
OF SPLIT.

4. COMMENT: FROM OUR STANDPOINT, THIS U.S. NAVAL VISIT CLEARLY
DESERVES TO BE TERMED AN OUTSTANDING SUCESS. KAISER

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